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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF HONG KONG COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS ROLPH

REF: HONG KONG 1898

1. ROLPH HAD NINETY MINUTE SESSION WITH DCM AND EMBASSY
NARCOTICS COORDINATOR. LATTER ALSO ATTENDED US/ UK DINNER
GIVEN BY BRITISH EMBOFF AT WHICH NARCOTICS FURTHER DISCUSSED.
BELIEVE VISIT WAS USEFUL IN GIVING ROLPH GREATER UNDERSTANDING
OF COMPLEX RAMIFICATIONS OF BURMESE ASPECTS OF PROBLEM.

2. APART FROM FAMILIARIZING SELF WITH THE PROBLEM, ROLPH
APPARENTLY IS SEARCHING FOR A BROAD (20- YEAR) POLICY FORMULATION
WITHIN WHICH SPECIFIC ACTIONS, BOTH SHORT AND LONG TERM, CAN
BE TAKEN. OUR CONVERSATION ALSO TOUCHED ON POSSIBLE POSITIVE
ROLE OF PRC AMONG OVERSEAS CHINESE IN HONG KONG AND SEA AND
ALONG SINO- BURMA BORDER.

3. ROLPH DID NOT REPEAT NOT CALL ON ANY BURMESE OFFICIALS,
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ALTHOUGH WE HAD FEELING HE MIGHT HAVE DONE SO WERE IT NOT
FOR RECOMMENDATION OF BRITISH EMBASSY. LATTER HOLDS CONSERV-
ATIVELY TO LOW POSTURE AND PASSIVE ATTITUDE ON NARCOTICS MATTERS.
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